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1. During September 1955, and especially in the last week of that month, great activity was most noticeable among the leading functionaries of the entire economic administration of East Germany. Ministers, state secretaries, and divisional heads made many trips to the Soviet Union and Satellites to attend conferences. The main subject under discussion was the coordination of the economic plans of the individual countries with the consideration that the military requirements must be kept in the foreground. As an example, the future production of vehicles, i.e., which country must build which type of vehicle, was under discussion.
2. Nothing has as yet been published of the results of these conferences, but it is expected that a number of disclosures in this respect will be made at a Conference of the Scientific and Technical Committees of the Ministries of Heavy and General Machine Construction to be held in Karl-Marx-Stadt on 4 and 5 October 1955. The theme of the conference will be the discussion of the technical plans for the divisions for 1956 and the prospective plans for the next Five Year Plan. The principal addresses will be made by Minister Erich Apelt and Helmut Wunderlich, and the closing speech by Gerhart Ziller, Secretary of the Central Committee.
3. It is expected that as a result of the conferences on the coordination of East Bloc production, East Germany will be pledged to produce the following vehicles:
 - a. A one-ton truck, type Frame, which usually has been a 3/4 ton vehicle; the engine is to be increased to 40/45 hp.
 - b. A 2 1/2-ton truck, of the type Phaenomen, Granit 30K, air cooled with a more powerful engine, approximately 65 hp. Normally the load of the 30K model is only two tons.

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- c. A three-ton truck, of the type Horch H3A or H4, with independent front and rear wheel drive. This vehicle is to be modified later with an air-cooled engine of 95 hp.
- d. A 5/6-ton truck, of an improved G 5 type, with a bigger capacity air-cooled engine of 140 hp. and a 6 ton carrying capacity.

The heavy types of trucks, 7, 8, and 10 tons, are not to be built in East Germany.

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